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April 29, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1026 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2022 community project funding for the New St. John Fish Market project on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), which is located at 4607 Tutu Park Mall, Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is "Little Cruz Bay Dock Site", Cruz Bay Creek, St. John, VI 00830. This project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.

The requested funding would be used by DPNR to construct a new fish market facility in the Cruz Bay area of St. John. Currently, there is no fish market facility to service the island of St. John, and the sale of fish is scattered and unregulated on the island. This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it will provide for a safe and healthy environment on the island where fish can be sold, where the department can conduct port sampling and where access to the shore can be provided for recreational and commercial vessels to launch.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Plaskett